



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 424

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House Bill No. 5609

House of Representatives, April 4, 2016

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. JUTILA of the 37th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 9-404c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2016*):

4 (a) Upon the receipt of any page of a petition proposing a candidacy
5 for a state or district office, the registrar shall forthwith sign and give
6 to the person submitting the petition a receipt, in duplicate, stating the
7 number of pages filed and the date and time of filing. The person or
8 the candidate shall forthwith send one copy of the receipt to the
9 Secretary of the State. The registrar of voters shall indicate on each
10 such petition page the date and time of filing, shall forthwith certify on
11 each such page the number of signers of the page who were enrolled
12 on the last-completed enrollment list of such party in the municipality
13 or political subdivision, as the case may be, and shall forthwith file
14 such certified page in person or by mail, as described in section 9-140b,

15 with the Secretary [within] not later than seven days after receipt of the
16 page. In checking the signatures on primary petition pages, the
17 registrar shall reject any name which does not appear on the last-
18 completed enrollment list of such party in the municipality or political
19 subdivision, as the case may be. Such rejection shall be indicated by
20 placing a mark in a manner prescribed by the Secretary before the
21 name rejected. The registrar may place a check mark before each name
22 appearing on the enrollment list to indicate approval but shall place no
23 other mark on the page except as provided in this chapter. The
24 registrar shall not reject any name for which the street address on the
25 petition is different from the street address on the enrollment list, if (1)
26 such person is eligible to vote for the candidate or candidates named in
27 the petition in the municipality of the registrar, and (2) the person's
28 date of birth, as shown on the petition page, is the same as the date of
29 birth on the person's registration record.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2016 | 9-404c(a) |
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GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which makes a technical change to the statutes regarding primary petitions for statewide and district office candidates, has no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5609

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE.

SUMMARY:

This bill makes a technical change to statutes governing primary petitions for statewide and district office candidates.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 0 (03/18/2016)